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Free Electronic Resources Provided for All School Districts

In June, the Missouri State Library announced that Gale has secured the statewide contract for electronic resources, replacing EBSCOhost. The state spends more than \$1.7 million for all school, public and academic libraries to access electronic resources. Funds through the Missouri State Library are utilized, and DESE also contributes a small amount.

When you consider how many individuals are serviced by these resources, it reflects the savings connected with volume purchasing. (In these economic times, it might be a good idea to remind your Missouri legislator about this value.)

Access to the resources is provided through MOREnet; this includes troubleshooting as well as training. The three main resources are:

Gale

Gale provides access to full-text information on subjects including general interest, business, health, science, technology and homework help. Information comes from journals, magazines, pamphlets, reference books and multimedia resources. (For more information, visit <http://www.more.net/content/gale-databases>.)

Learning Express Library

Learning Express Library is designed to help individuals succeed on the tests they must pass in order to gain citizenship, improve their testing skills, or further their education or career. More than 300 academic and licensing practice tests (including the ACT, SAT, GRE, LSAT, military, real estate, citizenship, student skills and

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Back to School Information

This edition of the Library and Media Digest focuses on important information that you will need for the 2009-2010 school year. The Digest will continue to be sent electronically to the contact given to DESE for library media services in each Missouri public school district. Contacts are asked to forward it to all professional school media specialists at all levels throughout their district (and to anyone else who might benefit from the information). The Digest is DESE's way of disseminating information that can be used by media specialists and others to assist students.

For questions, please contact Curt Fuchs by sending an e-mail to curt.fuchs@desemo.gov. You are also encouraged to visit the Library Media Centers Web site at <http://desemo.gov/divimprove/lmc/>.



many more) are available online. Test-preparation materials go from elementary school through adulthood. The service also provides instant scoring and customized feedback. (For more information, visit <http://www.more.net/content/learning-express-library>.)

NewsBank

NewsBank provides the full text of news features, special-interest stories, editorials, daily columns, letters to the editor, obituaries and more from the Kansas City Star and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. (For more information, visit <http://www.more.net/content/newsbank>.)

Training opportunities

DESE, MOREnet and the Missouri Association of School Librarians have organized regional trainings during the next few months for media specialists. You are strongly encouraged to attend so that your students and staff can take full advantage of these resources. Please refer to the schedule at the bottom of this page. You are requested to R.S.V.P. using the e-mail addresses in the far right column. If you have

questions, please contact our office.

MOREnet also offers training sessions on how to use Gale and Learning Express Library. These sessions are held both online and at the MOREnet facility in Columbia. You can view the current training schedule at <http://www.more.net/content/apps/trainingschedule>.

To register, fill out the training registration request form at <http://www.more.net/forms/trainingform>. Anyone from a MOREnet member organization is eligible, and there is no cost to attend. E-mail training@more.net or call (800) 509-6673 for information or assistance.

Additional free resources

eThemes

Working in conjunction with eMINTS, the MU College of Education is expanding the popular eThemes service, putting Missouri teachers just a few clicks away from child-safe, standards-based online resources, as well as advanced tools for helping students with behavior-management problems, a database of current-events lesson plans and hundreds of interviews with

teachers who use technology. Go to <http://ethemes.missouri.edu>.

The eThemes database consists of more than 2,500 Web site collections that support learning from aerodynamics to zebras – and everything in between. Each collection contains 10-15 sites that have been evaluated for content, age-appropriateness and educational value. Plus, these collections have been aligned with Missouri's educational standards. As a school library media specialist, you can also request a new eThemes resource. The eThemes staff will do the searching, verify the results with you, and make the entire collection available to all teachers in Missouri and throughout the county. Go to the eThemes Web site to make a request.

HippoCampus

The online learning objects that the state provides to all school districts may be used in face-to-face instruction as well. HippoCampus is a high-school resource that schools can access via the MoVIP Web site at <http://www.movip.org>. (Click on the HippoCampus logo in the left-hand column. No password is required.)

Region	Date	Location	Address	Time	R.S.V.P. Contact
Central	9/10/2009	UCMO: Kirkpatrick Library, Room 1468	Corner of Hwy. 13 and Clark St. in Warrensburg	4:30-7:00 p.m.	jrobins@ucmo.edu
Northeast	9/16/2009	Hannibal High School, Library Computer Lab	4500 McMasters Ave. in Hannibal	1:00-3:30 p.m.	byount@marceline.k12.mo.us
Northwest	9/17/2009	Central High School, LRC Lab 1 and 2	2602 Edmond St. in St. Joseph	1:00-3:30 p.m.	kristy.johnson@sjsd.k12.mo.us
South Central	9/19/2009	Sullivan Middle School	1156 Elmont Road in Sullivan	10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	jcunningham@stjschools.org
Greater KC	9/21/2009	Raytown South High School	8211 Sterling Ave. in Raytown	5:30-8:00 p.m.	cathy.betz@raytownschools.org
Mid-Missouri	9/22/2009	Midway Heights Elementary, Computer Lab	8130 W. Highway 40 in Columbia	5:30-8:00 p.m.	rthiesse@nfranklin.k12.mo.us
Southeast	9/24/2009	Cape Girardeau Public Library	711 N. Clark in Cape Girardeau	1:00-4:00 p.m.	thowe@sikeston.k12.mo.us
St. Louis	9/29/2009	Edgar Road Elementary School	1131 Edgar Road in Webster Groves	4:30-7:00 p.m.	vmiller@pkwy.k12.mo.us
East Central	10/13/2009	Farmington High School	1 Black Knight Dr. in Farmington	2:30-5:00 p.m.	sroth@farmington.k12.mo.us
Southwest	10/17/2009	Parkview High School	516 W. Meadowmere in Springfield	9:00-11:30 a.m.	knightl@mail.billings.k12.mo.us

DESE News

Information, communications technology and media literacy grade level expectations (GLEs)

During the previous school year, DESE organized a committee to revise and update the information literacy GLEs. The GLEs will be posted on the DESE Web site for public comment within the next couple of weeks. The URL will be sent to the district library media services contacts as soon as it is available.

After the time for public comment is finished, a final copy will be prepared. DESE is currently discussing and planning staff-development opportunities for implementation strategies of the GLEs. More information will be coming about this, and we welcome your comments. (Special thanks to the statewide committee that drafted the GLEs: Jennifer Baldwin, Monica Beglau, Jane Cunningham, Curt Fuchs, Amy Gates, Tori Grable, Jennifer Halter, Janet Herdman, Tricia Hile, Sharon Hoge, Debbie Hughes, Dana Humphrey, David Lininger, Cathie Loesing, Marin Mariano, Lisa Merideth, JB Petty, Patricia Roe, Deb Sutton and Lisa Walters.)

2009 Summer Reading Program

Schools that participated in the 2009 Missouri Summer Reading Program need to complete an evaluation form. The evaluation is available online at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/srpsurvey/>.

Although the form indicates that the deadline is Sept. 10 for schools to report their participation, the Missouri State Library will keep the evaluation online until Sept. 30. *School/other* is one of the reporting options that can be selected when completing the evaluation.

2010 Summer Reading Program

With resources becoming tighter at the state level, DESE is changing the procurement process for the 2010 Summer Reading Program materials. The first change is that DESE will only be providing the materials in the DVD format. The three-disc set will contain the manual as a PDF file, with all of the reproducible activity sheets and graphics included.

The second change is that DESE will not automatically send out the DVD to school districts. The DVD must be requested by downloading the 2010 application at <http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/lmc/>. Please fill out the form and fax it to (573) 526-0651 by Oct. 15. The DVDs will be mailed out in December.

Planning time

DESE has received several inquiries regarding planning time for media specialists. Fourth Cycle MSIP section 5.2 of the resource standards does not require planning time for certain groups:

5.2 Planning Time – Each full-time classroom teacher, including kindergarten teachers, shall have a minimum of two hundred fifty (250) minutes of scheduled planning time each school week. It is desirable to have fifty (50) minutes of planning time each day. Planning time is calculated between the official start and close of the school day and does not include travel time, lunch time, or time before or after school. (Planning time is not required for administrators, counselors, or librarians.)

Praxis

In May, a committee was organized to review the Praxis process for Missouri school media specialists. This committee recommended that the Praxis score be raised, and the

Missouri State Board of Education accepted this recommendation in August. The official announcement is as follows:

Library Media Services – Test #0311:

This test has been regenerated and, therefore, has a new test number and a new Missouri Qualifying Score. The new test number is #0311 and the new Missouri Qualifying Score is 160. The new test will put slightly more emphasis on the teaching role of the library media specialist. Content that focused on converting to automatic library systems has been diminished since that transition has been accomplished in all but a few small school libraries. Information on certification requirements for library media specialists has been eliminated because these requirements vary from state to state.

In addition, the Missouri Association of School Librarians (MASL) approved a position statement on professional responsibilities and Praxis tests at its Aug. 8 board meeting. MASL suggests that school library professionals who become certified via Praxis should do more than just take the test. The organization encourages going beyond the minimum certification requirements and enrolling in continuing education classes. (Several programs are available in Missouri; many courses are offered online.)

To download the complete position statement, go to http://www.maslonline.org/resource/resmgr/Docs/Praxis_Position_Statement.pdf.

If you are a school librarian who has completed the Praxis test and are interested in furthering your education, you can join MASL and apply for one of the many scholarships being offered to help pay for library coursework.

Professional Opportunities

New online class

In conjunction with DESE, e-Learning for Educators has developed a new online class, Getting Started in the School Library Profession, to help new library media specialists explore the many facets of their career. Each participant will begin developing a library media program that best meets the needs of his or her learning community.

Fall courses run from Oct. 7 to Nov. 24. To register, go to <http://www.elearningmo.org/register.html>. For more information, download the brochure located at <http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/lmc/documents/e-LearningFallBrochure.PDF>.

MASL 2009 Fall Seminar

The 2009 MASL Fall Seminar will be Oct. 10 at the Holiday Inn Select in Columbia. The keynote speaker is John Brown, a nationally recognized and award-winning newscaster from St. Louis. The seminar will feature several in-demand breakout sessions including trainings from MOREnet,

grant writing, AASL's Learning for Life (L4L) and much more. Also, consider arriving a few days early to attend the Missouri Library Association's 2009 Annual Conference from Oct. 7-9.

MASL Web site

MASL recently unveiled a major upgrade to its Web site, located at <http://www.maslonline.org>, by adding a variety of features and making the site easier to use and to find information. New features include enhanced member profile areas, group pages, a career center, discussion boards, an online store and much more. Individuals can now process membership and pay dues via the Web site. In addition, registration for fall-seminar and spring-conference events is available as a link from the calendar of events. Also, as members search for an association or an industry-sponsored event, they can use the site to download directions to the meeting.

Committee members have the ability to access group pages, participate in online forums, download files and information posted by the group administrator,

send bulk e-mails, and post photos in the online gallery. Many region affiliates do not have the resources to provide a Web site for their members. The MASL site gives these affiliates a portal to communicate with their members and to distribute pertinent correspondence from the state association.

Please visit the MASL Web site to check out these and other exciting new features!

MASL 2010 Spring Conference

The 2010 MASL Spring Conference is scheduled for April 18-20, 2010, at Tan-Tar-A in Osage Beach. Attendees may select from more than 90 workshops providing information on how to utilize databases, the best of the new available books, some of the best collaborative teaching lessons and much more. This year's featured speakers include Allison Zmuda, Teri Lesesne and Bob Priddy. In addition, the annual awards banquet will honor authors in four divisions of children's books as voted on by student readers.

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